

### Reflection Easter Saturday 2022

Those familiar with Mark's gospels will know that Mark does not think very highly of the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus. They are continually presented as misunderstanding what Jesus has said, doubting what he said and of failing. This view is repeated again after the resurrection when they fail to believe the witnesses who have encountered the risen Christ. The really great news, however, is that at the end of his Gospel Jesus final words to these unbelieving disciples is to go out and spread the Good News. Jesus not only trusts them enough but believes in them and is only too happy to give them this important mission.

The story goes that in Heaven the angels challenged Jesus about his doing this, pointing out how often they had missed the point and failed to understand and wondered why Jesus still gave them this mission. So, they asked him *"Do you have a plan B if these disciples fail?"* Jesus simply smiled and said **"NO!"**

Given this knowledge no-one has any reason whatsoever of refusing to spread the Good News whether for lack of understanding or ability or of saying the wrong thing. Jesus believes in you and trusts that you will do not just a good job but a great one. He only asks you to trust him and the Holy Spirit whom he has breathed into your lives!!